

PATENT APPLICATION



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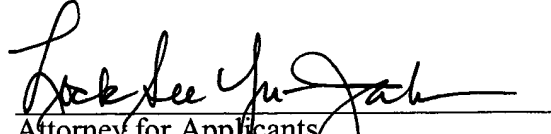
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English abstracts and on page 1 of the specification. Also, please note that U.S. Patent No. 6,003,078 is in the same patent family as JP 10-164181 and European Patent Application No. EP 1 004 976 A2 is in the same patent family as JP 2000-163225.

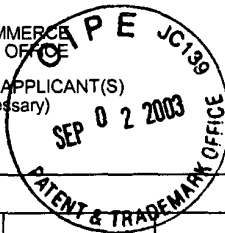
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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		10-164181	06/19/98	Japan			Abstract
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